**The Outsiders**  
**Chapter 7 Discussion Questions**

Discuss these questions with a group of two to four people. Write the answers on a piece of notebook paper. Each group only has to turn in one paper. Take turns writing answers, and make sure every group member's name is on the paper.


2. Why would being crippled be worse for Johnny than someone else?

3. What is a juvenile delinquent (p. 107)? Find a definition on the internet, in a dictionary, or create your own based on your own knowledge.

4. What was Bob's 'real' problem, according to Randy (p.116)?

5. Why did Pony think it was better to see socs as "just guys" on p. 118? What do you think he means by this?

**Chapter 8 Discussion Questions**

1. How does what the doctor first says, on page 119, foreshadow Johnny's condition?

2. "We needed Johnny as much as he needed the gang. And for the same reason" (p.121). What do you think Pony means, and what is the reason?

3. What does Pony mean on p. 123 when he says, "we could get along without anyone but Johnny"?

4. If Darry didn't have Soda and Pony, why would he be a soc?

5. What does Cherry mean when she says Bob "wasn't just anyone" on p.129?